

Princess," cried one of her companions. It actually proved to be the fact. The post brought a letter from the young sovereign of England, asking her to be his queen. The princess was not the woman to refuse so honest and sincere a wooer, and the marriage accordingly took place. The wedding was a splendid affair; the bride's dress was of white and silver, with an endless mantle of violet velvet lined with crimson fastened on one shoulder by a bunch of large pearls. Charlotte was eighteen, and King George was twenty-three.

They led the simplest, happiest lives of any married couple I ever read of. With all his political errors, George III was an honest, stainless gentleman; and he and his wife were devoted to each other. They loved simple pleasures, and did not enjoy the gay pageants and the costly entertainments of court life; but neither shirked its duties. Their happiest hours were passed in the country among rural retreats. They enjoyed the simplest pleasures—quiet, dreamy walks, little country dances to which a dozen couples were invited, and where the honest, good-hearted King and his little Queen would stand up and dance three hours to the same tune. Other evenings, the Queen would play on the harpsichord and sing; then they would have a game of cribbage, and after such an innocently spent day they would go to bed without any supper.

Does not this seem very commonplace and domestic, not at all as we dream of royalty? But George III and his Queen were not like other royal personages. Charlotte Sophia was a very domestic person, caring more for her household and her children than for the gayeties of royalty. She could play the part of a queen, however, when necessary; but her tastes were simple. The homely little princess was one of the best of mothers. She had I don't know how many children—almost as many as the old woman who lived in a shoe—but they were all well brought up and carefully trained.

At their country home at Kew, the royal children had a little farm, and raised their own crops, and were in the habit of inviting the King and Queen to partake of their simple rural meals. Was it not a pretty idea? On these occasions, Queen Charlotte and her husband would take a holiday in the country, and, forgetting all about the cares of royalty, enjoy themselves just as any private person would do.

For fifty-seven years, Charlotte Sophia occupied the high station of Queen of England, all of which time she was the most exemplary wife in Europe and one of its best women. She died in 1813, aged seventy-three years. Of Queen Charlotte's children, four ascended thrones, and another was the father of the late illustrious sovereign of Great Britain, Queen Victoria, whose strong domestic qualities and best elements of womanhood were inherited from her grandmother, the homely little princess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.—The Advance.

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Miss Houston's Trip to Cuba.

To those interested in my proposed trip to Cuba, I wish to say the time of starting has been postponed. The probable time of leaving now is the last of November, instead of the second.

One hundred young women and ten chaperones are desired. That number up to the present time has not been procured. I ask the help of Christian women of all evangelical churches in securing the class of young women, who promise future good to the cause of Foreign Missions—the "bone and sinew" of Missionary Societies, those present at the small monthly meetings. I am glad to state that some are availing themselves of particulars for those who think they have not the money.

I can now give definite figures, as the steamship rates have been gotten. The whole cost of trip from Richmond, Va., a month on the Island of Cuba, and return to New York is \$162. Travelers tell me it is amazingly low. One woman impudently refused it as the impossible. It is the result of some months of work, in the interests of those who have no money to throw away.

By visiting New York and Washington, I have also brought expenses of costume and outfit necessary, to a lower figure than it would have cost the individual.

Material for white serge coat suit, \$4 to \$6; Material for blue serge coat suit, \$12 to \$13; Taffeta waist, blue or wine, \$3.75; Taffeta drop skirt, \$3.75; Taffeta cap, \$2; Straw suit case, \$1.75; 1 pair white silk gloves, \$1; 1 Collapsible umbrella, \$3; Patterns for suit, 25c.

Any one wishing to act as chaperone who is in mourning, will not be required to change dress. And any chape-

rone having already a navy blue coat suit may use the same, only wearing the cap in black or blue. But the rank and file of young women are strictly required to wear the white suit of material and pattern gotten from me. The time will not exceed six weeks.

For further particulars, Miss Janet Houston, Y. W. C. A., Richmond, Va.

What are all our losses compared with having God in our hearts as our inheritance? Let us welcome any sorrow, pain or loss which brings us nearer to our dear heavenly Father and the divine light which reveals more strongly our sins, and, seeing our sins, brings us still closer to God in deep, heart-felt penitence and a grateful sense of his loving forgiveness. We need all our sorrows, disappointments and penitence to make us what God would have us be. So let us say, with David, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn thy statutes. Before I was afflicted, I went astray. But now I observe thy word. Teach me thy statutes. With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts."

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